

# Protecting Planet Earth

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One way we can take care of our planet is by recycling our trash. When something is recycled, it's used to make something new. There are a lot of reasons why recycling is good for our planet.

Recycling things like soda cans, water bottles, and paper protects our natural resources. For example, companies can use recycled paper to make new paper instead of cutting down trees.

Recycling also helps to keep our air and water clean. Factories have to use a lot of dangerous chemicals when they make something brand new. Making something from recycled materials uses fewer chemicals. That means fewer chemicals end up in our air and water!

When you discard something without recycling it, it's taken to a landfill. Landfills are places where garbage is collected and buried in the ground. Recycling helps to keep landfills from getting too big. It also saves room in the landfill for things that cannot be reused.

Many cities have programs that make recycling as easy as throwing something away. Check to see if there's a recycling program in your city. It's a little thing we all can do to make the world a cleaner place.